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March 11, 2004 LB 824, 837
 LR 163

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Open for discussion on advancement. There are no lights on, Senator Kremer. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 837 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 837. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 837 does advance. Mr. Clerk, LB 824, when you get time.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 824 was introduced by Senator Erdman. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 7 of this year, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, to open on LB 824.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 824 is the result of LR 163. LR 163 was an interim study that was conducted last year with the cooperation of the Chairman of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. We had an interim hearing in McCook. We had individuals from across the state testifying on some of the issues regarding aviation and airport...or air service, excuse me, in the state of Nebraska. After that interim hearing, we had another meeting in Lincoln. That was in November. At the meeting that we had, there was a number of ideas that were offered. Generally, the consensus came around what's before you. This is a simple proposal. The purpose is to provide the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission the authority under state law to allocate funds for the promotion of aeronautics in Nebraska. The committee, under the current statutory grant of authority, does not have this option. There will also be a committee amendment that further clarifies how that process goes, and I will discuss that at the appropriate time. Thank you.